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Applicant Initiated Interview Request FormApplication No.: 10/543,026
Examiner: Ghassem AlieFirst Named Applicant: Emmanuel Legrand
Art Unit: 3724 Status of Application: RCE submitted 11/3/08

Tentative Participants: (1) Examiner Alie (2) Michele M. Glessner (Reg. No: 58,713)

Proposed Date of Interview: 11/19/2008 Proposed Time: 9:30 A.M. EST

Type of Interview Requested: (1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit to Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO**Issues To Be Discussed**

Issues	Claims	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
Claim Rejections	1-14	Rouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Claims 1-14 were rejected in the Office Action dated May 2, 2008. On October 31, 2008, independent Claim 1 was discussed generally with respect to the Rouse reference and other cited art. As a response deadline was approaching, Examiner Alie suggested filing an RCE and indicated that we could schedule an in-depth telephonic interview following the filing of the RCE to further discuss Claim 1. The RCE was filed on November 3, 2008, and Applicant's Attorney is now requesting an interview to discuss possible amendments to Claim 1, which are attached.

Applicants' Attorney looks forward to discussing at least these issues with the Examiner.

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An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01). This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

Possible Amendment to Claim 1:

1. (Currently Amended) A cutting head for a brush cutter, or edge trimmer, the cutting head comprising a passageway for a cutting string, at least one curved bearing zone extending between a string outlet region of said passageway and a peripheral region of the head, wherein the string outlet is located inwardly from the peripheral region, wherein the radius of curvature of the curved bearing zone approaches the radius of curvature of the peripheral region of the head proximate the peripheral region of the head so as to avoid any abrupt corner that would cause the cutting string to be sharply bent, and wherein a surface of the curved bearing zone presents a recessed profile which is suited to the cross-section of the cutting string, in order to retain the cutting string in the recessed profile when the string flexes in a direction opposite to the rotation of the head to rest against the curved bearing zone.